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TO: General Counsel  
THRU: DADSO

FROM: [REDACTED] Authorized Certifying Officer 25X1A

SUBJECT: Travel Authority of Chief - Sub-Stations.

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1. Reference is made to [REDACTED] which states quote, "Travel of an operational nature performed entirely within the operational area may be authorized by the Chief of Station."  
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2. Reference is made to [REDACTED] dated 11 October 1946; Subject: Authority granted to all Chiefs of Missions. Paragraph 5 states, quote: "Approve temporary duty travel abroad within the theater of civilian employees. Chiefs may designate an employee to act for him in issuance of travel orders, and sign for him other necessary travel papers."

3. The question has arisen as to whether a Chief of a Sub-Station has the authority to direct travel in his operational area.

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25X1A who is the Chief of Sub-Station [REDACTED] It has been brought  
25X1A to the attention of this office that subject has no pouch facilities  
25X1A with his immediate superior at [REDACTED] nor does he have cable  
25X1A facilities between his station and [REDACTED] or Washington at the  
present time. [REDACTED] travelled on official business to  
[REDACTED] during the period 29 July - 9 August 1948, and has submitted  
a voucher for payment of per diem and travel expenses. Such voucher  
contains no approval of a travel authority and payment has been  
withheld pending legal decision to the following questions:

a. Can a Chief of a Sub-Station authorize travel in his operational area.

b. If so, would his travel authority extend to the station of his immediate superior (Chief of Station).

c. If not, can a Chief of Station designate a Chief of Sub-Station to act for him in issuance of travel orders and sign for him other necessary travel papers.

5. An early decision is requested to the above inquiries.

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